

# Border Eagle

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### Family Day given

The Air Education and Training Command commander has declared Thursday an AETC Family Day. Commanders must follow guidelines in Air Force Instruction 36-3003 regarding passes and chargeable leave.

Commanders are encouraged to grant compensatory time off the week after the holiday for military people required to work, mission requirements permitting.

Liberal leave, use of previously earned compensatory time or already-approved time-off awards is authorized for civilians.

During holiday activities, think safety – use common sense, drive defensively and wear seat belts.

## Air Power Quote of the Week

"We who fly do so for the love of flying. We are alive in the air with this miracle that lies in our hands and beneath our feet."

—Cecil Day Lewis

### Old Glory

Senior Airman Kasimu Greenidge, 47th Communications Squadron work group manager, places an American flag outside his base home Wednesday in preparation for July 4th. Local holiday events include:

#### Del Rio

**11 a.m.** – Parade begins at corner of South Main, Academy streets; ends at Moore Park

**12 p.m.** – Entertainment begins at Moore Park

#### Dr. Alfredo Gutierrez Jr. Amphitheater

**6:30 p.m.** – Youth dancing teams

**7:30 p.m.** – Opening ceremonies; Col. Jack Egginton, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, will make remarks.

**8 p.m.** – Tejano Heat band

**9 p.m.** – Comedian performance

**10 p.m.** – Red, White, Blue Review

**10:30 p.m.** – July 4th fireworks display

#### Brackettville

**9:30 a.m.** – Parade begins at Ann, Main streets; ends at courthouse

**10 a.m.** – Col. Herbert Foret, 47th FTW vice commander will make remarks.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## 87th team to compete at Air Force level

By Airman Basic  
Timothy Stein

Staff writer

The 87th Flying Training Squadron was nominated June 16 for the Chief of Staff Team Excellence Award to be presented during the Air Force Association National Convention in Washington, D.C., Sept. 18.

The annual award, open to every Air Force squadron, is given to the squadron that implements the best improvements, said Maj. Dean Stephens, 87th FTS assistant operations officer.

Each major command selects two squadrons to vie for the award. The Air Education and Training Command chose the 87th and a squadron from Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

AETC noticed a significant im-

provement in the 87th FTS training regiment and selected the unit for the award. Changes were made in training after the 87th FTS learned Laughlin graduate pilots were washing out of follow-on training at a higher rate than pilots from any other pilot training base.

"When a [Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training] graduate costs \$622,667 to produce, losing even one is quite expensive," Stephens explained.

This problem led to formation of the Red Bull Team, said Stephens. The team discovered that after the pilots graduated SUPT they often had to wait as long as three months before they started follow-on training. During this wait, pilots may begin to forget basic skills learned in pilot training.

To combat this, pilots were given

flights while they waited to begin follow-on training. The pilots were also given time in the simulator. This and further academic work helped to prepare the pilots for what awaited them at follow-on training, said Stephens.

Since the plan went into effect in February 2000, not a single 87th FTS graduate has failed to complete follow-on training.

"The 87th FTS washout rate from follow-on training has changed from the worst in AETC to the best in the command," said Stephens. "This decreased graduate washout rate has saved the Air Force \$6,257,803."

Stephens expressed his hope that the improvements are enough to win at the Air Force level.

"Winning the award would be big," he said.

# Commanders' Corner



**By Col. Jack Egginton**  
47th Flying Training Wing  
commander

## Keeping base clean takes team effort

I felt pretty good recently after receiving a letter from a retired master sergeant who said every time he visits Laughlin Air Force Base he finds it "pristine." That's quite a compliment and speaks directly to the Laughlin people and the efforts we all make to keep our base beautiful.

Driving around base just one week later, I was disappointed to find trash on the side of the road. Unfortunately, I can't say it was a first, but this time I decided to conduct a little experiment. I left the trash there and returned later that day to see if anyone else had come along and picked it up. Let me just say that my experiment didn't turn out like I had hoped.

As members of Team Laughlin, we're all part of a very special, close-knit team. Whether we just work here or also call Laughlin home, we all have a vested interest in keeping our military

community beautiful.

One of the benefits of living on a closed military installation is that the cleanliness of our homes, yards and streets is entirely up to us – all members of the same team. We shouldn't have to worry about passing motorists dumping trash out of their car windows or pedestrians dropping wrappers or bottles as they walk down the street.

I, like most of you, am very proud of Laughlin Air Force Base – the place I work, live and play. I also feel personally responsible to help keep it attractive. Unfortunately, unless every one of us feels this same pride and takes responsibility for

keeping the base clean, the efforts of the many are diminished by the thoughtless actions of the few.

While most of us do our part by not littering, I'd like to ask everyone to go a step further. If you see trash on the base, please pick it up and put

it where it belongs – in a garbage can. If you see someone drop litter on our base, please stop and remind that person of his or her personal responsibility to help keep our military community clean.

Only through pride and

teamwork can we keep Laughlin looking "pristine." Only through pride and teamwork can we truly live by the words of our wing motto: "Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

*"Whether we just work here or also call Laughlin home, we all have a vested interest in keeping our military community beautiful."*

## Top Three Talk



**By Master Sgt. Hosea Butler**  
47th Comptroller Flight superintendent

### 4-year hitch turns into 20

"No One Comes Close" is a great motto for the Air Force.

The Air Force offers a chance to excel in many endeavors, such as training in a career that can be helpful upon re-entering the civilian workforce, educational and medical benefits and, not to mention, the pay and a retirement check for life.

I entered the Air Force in 1982 after serving 11 plus months on de-

layed enlistment. My career has been and continues to be quite an interesting journey through life.

Currently I am the 47th Comptroller Flight superintendent, a career field I cross-trained into in 1992. I spent my first 10 years in the transportation career field and traveled on temporary duty assignments throughout most of Europe.

The opportunity to serve in two career fields is just one advantage available when deciding to enlist and re-enlist in the Air Force.

My first enlistment was for four years, and initially I never intended to stay any longer. Now, 18 years later,

I know I made the best decision by staying in and making a career with the Air Force. There were two ideas that made the difference more than anything else during my first enlistment.

The camaraderie and teamwork of military members overseas and the leadership of my superintendent and commander. Both of these individuals valued their careers and expressed it through their mentoring of the idea "Leaders make leaders," while empowering the younger airmen to make the best choices during the critical reaction period.

As transporters there were times

when you were responsible for a multimillion dollar piece of equipment and entrusted to transport this cargo without losing or damaging it.

After my second enlistment, the Air Force gave me the chance to cross-train into the financial management career field. I wanted a challenge, and this was "the challenge."

Financial services is a very rewarding job that has given me the experience of meeting people and providing optimum pay service.

Airmen within the finance career field receive 13 weeks of technical

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**Col. Jack Egginton**

Commander

**1st Lt. Dawnita Parkinson**

Public affairs chief

**Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit**

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*"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."*

– 47th FTW motto

# Aerospace future looks promising

By Dr. James G. Roche  
Air Force secretary

I was recently sworn in as your 20th secretary of the Air Force and became, on that day, a proud member of a magnificent team of active-duty airmen, guardsmen, reservists, and civilian employees.

You have earned the admiration of our nation, the respect of the world, and the promise of a bright future. I already can tell you that you should be enormously proud of your achievements, from combat operations over Iraq and the Balkans to your recent validation of the Expeditionary Aerospace Force concept. In the realm of aerospace power, you fly the best, train the best, and maintain the best. "No One Comes Close."

We must now turn our focus to the journey ahead and be responsive to this new century's emerging security environment. I look forward to piloting that journey with you. My focus is on developing new strategies for military aerospace power in this new millennium; improving Air Force retention, professional education and leadership and development; eliminating the inefficiencies in

how we do our business; and developing our acquisition policies and processes to ensure innovation and competitive vibrancy within our defense industrial base over the long haul. My vision is an aerospace future just as remarkable as your admired past: undeniable and global reconnaissance and strike superiority. My pledge is that I will serve the way you do every day, worldwide – with integrity, selflessness and in earnest pursuit of excellence.

In 1963, President Kennedy said of military service: "I can imagine no more rewarding career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

That sentiment rings very true for me. As you know, I am deeply proud of my Navy career. But, today we are in a new century, with new opportunities, new challenges, new capabilities, and vastly different threats to the security of our great nation. In this century, men and women can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: "I serve in the United States Air Force." And now, I am proud to be able to say that, too.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)



Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Reed

Secretary of the Air Force James G. Roche shares his vision of the future for the Air Force during a visit June 21 to the Lafayette Escadrille Memorial in Versailles, France.

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school training and receive numerous hours of on-the-job training to ensure they are well-prepared and knowledgeable on all pay matters. With this training and knowledge comes a wealth of responsibility and empowerment. Our customer service determines how well we do our job on a day-to-day basis. Receiving a pat on the back is rare, but very rewarding; it takes a lot of effort and coordination to get to the desired outcome.

Pride motivates success, and success is the outcome we strive for in support of our country and fellow member, whether that support is in the form of making payments for individual paychecks or providing funding for the latest upgrade of flightline operations or the base infrastructure.

The Air Force gives us the opportunity to "excel" in everyday duty to make our family and our country proud of the professional support, dignity and honor we possess, whether in peacetime or war.

A chance to serve is what motivates many to stay in the Air Force. Nothing makes that idea more real than serving in actual military operations or contingencies. Desert Shield/Storm showed the military at its best.

One of the best moments I've had was during this deployment. We received deep gratitude and thanks from the Kuwaitis, Bahrainians and Saudi Arabians, who were totally grateful to be supported by the best-trained military coming to their aid in time of distress.

This support was also displayed by our country and family members who supported us during a high-stress period. We were all proud to serve. We knew no other air force came close.

When you consider re-enlisting in the Air Force, take a piece of advice from someone who only intended to come in for four years: The opportunities combined with the respect you earn from serving God and country make an Air Force career a very rewarding experience.

## Actionline 298-5351

personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation, and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal



Col. Jack Egginton  
47 FTW commander

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Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
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Housing	298-5904
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
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Military Equal Opportunity	298-5400
Equal Employment Opportunity	298-5879
FWA hotline	298-4170



# Khobar blast leaves scars 5 years later

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Kinkade  
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Airman 1st Class Justin Wood had a plan.

During a phone call June 10, 1996, Wood told his brother, Shawn, he knew what he was going to do next. Once his deployment to Operation Southern Watch was over, Wood was going to return to Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and finish his Air Force hitch. Then he was going to move to Seattle and live with Shawn, finish school and become a sports physiologist. At 20, Justin's future was beginning to crystallize.

On a cool desert night June 25, 1996, plans changed. A tanker truck stuffed with 20,000 pounds of explosives parked next to Khobar Towers, the building Justin was staying in while deployed to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. A few minutes later, the truck exploded and vaporized part of the complex, killing 19 people, including Justin.

But the attack on Khobar Towers did more than kill Air Force people. More than 400 military people at King Abdul Aziz air base were injured in the attack, and another 300 civilians were injured.

The people who survived the blast — families, friends, and those who saw the carnage firsthand — still carry the scars.

As the fifth anniversary of the explosion nears, they are drawn back to what many say is the single most significant and traumatic moment of their lives.

Shawn Wood said the pain of Justin's death has eased, but the scars of the attack will never go away.

The night of the attack, Shawn was in a college class. After class, he normally went home, watched the sports wrap-up on television, then headed to work. This night, however, something made him turn to the news channel.

"There it was, the Khobar Towers bombing,"



Courtesy of the Department of Defense

U.S. and Saudi military personnel surveyed the damage to Khobar Towers after a bomb blast killed 19 people and injured 700 on June 25, 1996.

he said. "I did not know where Justin was staying, but I had a gut feeling that ... was the place."

Shawn Wood was asleep at his home in Seattle while his parents tried to get news about the bombing by calling a hotline set up by the Air Force. They told him they would call if they got any news.

At 5 a.m., the phone rang.

"I knew as soon as it rang," Wood said. "We lost Justin."

Shawn Wood has moved on with his life, but continues to remember Justin. He built a Web site in his memory and has had contact with other families.

"The majority of the time I get e-mails from people that survived the bombing who either stumbled across the page or were told about it from others," he said. "There were 19 men who died in that bombing, but there were also hundreds of men and women who were there, saw the devastation and live that nightmare every day. It's hard for me to deal with losing my brother, but there are people who saw the dead, carried them and have the scars to remind them every day. I can't imagine that pain."

(Courtesy of Air Force News Service)

## Newsline

### Promotion ceremony set

An enlisted promotion ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. today at Club Amistad.

For more information, call Master Sgt. James Donnett at 298-5068.

### Parking lot sale planned

The commissary will have a parking lot sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Call 298-5875 for more information.

### Top-3 to hold car wash

The Laughlin Top-3 organization is sponsoring a car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the base exchange. The proceeds go toward the Senior Noncommissioned Officers Induction Ceremony July 28. For more information, call Master Sgt. James Moon at 298-5372.

### Health council to meet

The Health Consumers Advisory Council, a forum for exchanging information between the providers and consumers of health care at Laughlin, will meet with members of the Clinic Executive Committee once a quarter on an informal basis.

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. July 6 in the Wing Conference Room. All are welcome to attend. Call Mina Stover at 298-6311 for additional information or to confirm attendance.

### Thrift shop open July 7

The thrift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to noon July 7. Donations and consignments will be accepted at this time. For more information, call 298-5592.

### Officer volunteers needed

Officer volunteers are needed to help organize and support Laughlin's Enlisted Appreciation Day, which is set for July 11. For more information or to volunteer, call 1st Lt. Melissa Parent at 298-5053.

### Recycling help available

For help regarding recycling problems or concerns for base housing and mobile home customers, call Ron Widrig at 298-5063.

For help regarding refuse problems or concerns for base housing and mobile home customers, call Pat Lunn at 298-5247.

## Yard winners for June announced

Members of 47th Civil Engineer Squadron and Col. John M. Betts, 47th Support Group commander, have picked out three well-maintained yards during monthly inspections.

The winners for June's Yard of the Month are:

**Mobile home park:** Jack and Jean Wallace of Spaatz Circle.

**Enlisted housing:** Staff Sgt. David and Marilyn Hirtreiter of Mumbrue Street.

**Officer housing:** Maj. Frank and Rashell King of Lawhon Street.



Photo by Airman Basic Timothy Stein

## Working with mom

Tech. Sgt. Sheri Robinson, 47th Mission Support Squadron NCOIC of enlisted promotions and re-enlistments, shows some paperwork to her son Marxeus Fowler, 12, during Bring Your Child to Work Day Friday. Laughlin parents from various offices brought their children to work to give them an understanding of what kind of work they do in the Air Force.

# Mission complete: SUPT Class 01-11 graduates today

**S**tudent Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 01-11 graduates at 10 a.m. today in the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions.

Training begins with three weeks of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 "Tweet." In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff

and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo aircraft training in the T-1 aircraft; fighter training in the T-38; turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44; and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1. Advanced training in a track takes about 26 weeks.

Graduates of Class 01-11 have been assigned to aircraft at duty stations throughout the world.



**Capt. Gregory Estes**  
Class leader  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**Capt. Eric Yape**  
Assistant class leader  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



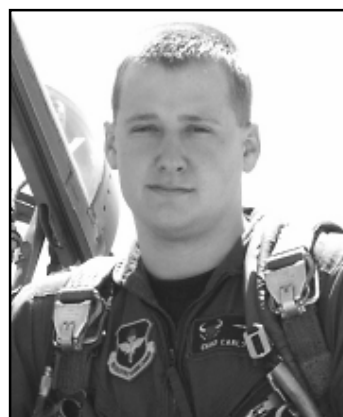
**Capt. Travis Swan**  
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



**1st Lt. Gregory Amig**  
KC-135, Grand Forks AFB, N.D.



**1st Lt. Sergio Anaya**  
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



**1st Lt. Chad Carlson**  
T-37, Laughlin AFB



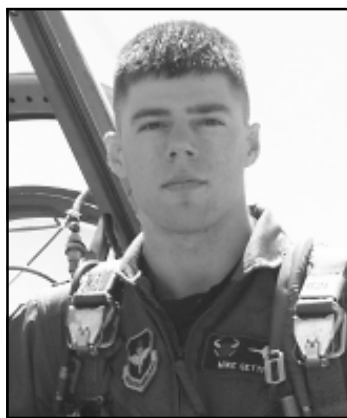
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T-1A, Laughlin AFB



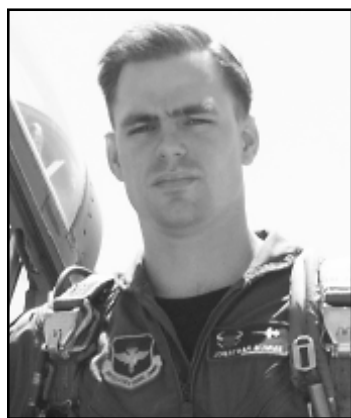
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**1st Lt. Charles Jones**  
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



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C-21, Ramstein Air Base, Germany



**1st Lt. Jonathan Mumme**  
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



**1st Lt. Robustino Rodriguez**  
B-52, Barksdale AFB, La.



**2nd Lt. Travis Diltz**  
KC-135, McConnell AFB, Kan.



**2nd Lt. Jeffrey Krulick**  
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



**2nd Lt. Masataka Oguro**  
T-2, Japan



## Laughlin lab reaccredited

**Compiled from  
staff reports**

The 47th Medical Group Laboratory was recently re-accredited by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists, based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided."

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program. Inspectors examine the records and quality control of the laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the laboratory is serving the patient.

## Two units get 'Top' honors

**Compiled from  
staff reports**

The 47th Transportation Division held its quarterly Top Wheels competition June 7.

The following units were recognized for holding government-owned vehicles to impeccable cleanliness standards:

**General purpose category**  
*Lear Siegler Services, Inc.*

**Special purpose category**  
*47th Support Group  
fuels management flight*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

## Staying in

Maj. Joseph Baca, 47th Comptroller Flight commander, presides over the re-enlistment ceremony of Senior Airman Shanda Eaton, 47th

CPTF finance technician, during a re-enlistment ceremony June 18 at the Enlisted Heritage Center. A total of 13 other enlisted members re-enlisted in June. They are listed to the right.

## 13 re-enlist in June

### **47th Operations Support Squadron**

*Staff Sgt. Richard Smith*

*Staff Sgt. Phillip Westfall*

*Senior Airman Kevin Getchell*

*Senior Airman Jason Ripperda*

*Staff Sgt. Nathan Kilcollins*

### **47th Civil Engineer Squadron**

*Senior Airman Michael Vaughn Vaughn*

*Staff Sgt. Bruce Bond*

*Senior Airman Jeremiah Dowling*

### **47th Medical Support Squadron**

*Master Sgt. Sandra Harper*

*Staff Sgt. Kasey Gibbs*

### **47th Medical Operations Squadron**

*Senior Airman Jacob Ramos*

### **87th Flying Training Squadron**

*Tech. Sgt. Guadalupe Vasquez Jr.*

### **47th Comptroller Flight**

*Senior Airman Shanda Eaton*

### **47th Contracting Squadron**

*Senior Airman Rafae Talyor-Arenas*

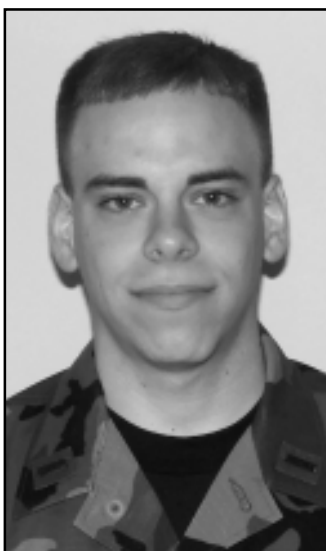
## Antiterrorism tips

- Comply with all demands.
- Don't challenge captors.
- Don't physically confront captors.
- Humanize yourself; carry photos of your family and friends.
- Don't openly admit your association with the United States Armed Forces.
- Don't debate or discount captors beliefs.
- Beware of the Stockholm Syndrome; empathize, don't sympathize.



## Question of the week

**If the Air Force chief of staff asked you what could be done to improve retention, what would you say?**



**2nd Lt. Zan Sproles**  
*47th Communications Squadron information systems*

"Pay raises."



**Master Sgt. Daniel Jimenez**  
*47th Communications Squadron maintenance support chief*

"More career fields for everyone."



**Senior Airman Jennifer Allphin**  
*47th Flying Training Wing command post controller*

"More opportunity to cross train."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

## Let freedom ring

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vaughan, superintendent of the 47th Communications Squadron information systems flight, puts his singing voice on display at the base chapel Sunday. Vaughan and a number of other singers, including chapel choir members, participated in Gospel Fest, a Juneteenth celebration recognizing the freedom granted to Texas slaves following the Emancipation Proclamation.

## The *XLer*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

**Staff Sgt. Damaris Schafer**  
47th Aeromedical Support Squadron  
Optometry journeyman

**Hometown:** Victorville, Calif.  
**Family:** Daughter, Nikki, 9  
**Time at Laughlin:** 1 year, 9 months  
**Time in service:** 5 years, 10 months  
**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** Open the front gate on the weekend.  
**Greatest accomplishment:** Receiving two college degrees on the same day  
**Hobbies:** Sewing, reading, crochet and computer games  
**Bad habit:** Smoking  
**Favorite food:** Lobster  
**Favorite beverage:** Dr. Pepper  
**If you could spend one hour with any person, whom would it be and why?** John Edward, the psychic medium, so he can get me in touch with my family and friends who have passed away.

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

#### **Sunday**

-Mass, 9:30 a.m.  
-Confession by appointment  
-Little Rock Scripture Study, 11 a.m. in Chapel Fellowship Hall

#### **Thursday**

-Choir, 6 p.m.

### Muslim

Dr. Mostafa Salama, call 768-9200

### Jewish

Max Stool, call

775-4519

### Protestant

#### **Sunday**

-General worship, 11 a.m.  
-Sunday school, 9:30 a.m. at the Religious Education Building

#### **Monday**

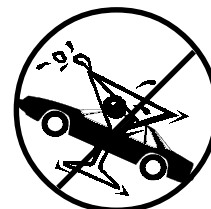
Student Wives' Fellowship, 7-9 p.m. Call 298-7365.

#### **Wednesday**

- Women's Bible Study, 12:30-2:15 p.m. at chapel  
-Choir, 7 p.m. at chapel

**For more information on chapel events and services, call 298-5111.**

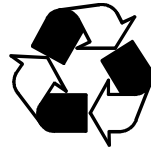
**Don't drink and drive. You could kill yourself or someone else.**



## Fraud, Waste and Abuse

Preventing fraud, waste and abuse is everyone's job. If you know or suspect FWA, call the FWA Hotline at 298-4170, or call the inspector general office at 298-5638.

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Photo by Susan Griggs

## Tough guy

Jim Young, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., manpower basic officer course chief, poses for a photo following his impressive play during the Rugby National Championship in Rockville, Ill. Young led his team, Battleship, and Air Education and Training Command to the championship title June 3 by defeating Milwaukee's Westwide Harlequin, 23-12.

# 87th member takes AETC golf title

By Airman Basic  
**Timothy Stein**  
Staff writer

Capt. Lee Howard, 87th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot, won the Air Education and Training Command's Golf Championship held at Randolph and Lackland Air Force bases during the first week of June.

The three-round tournament, held for the first time in 11 years, had golfers playing a practice round at Randolph before the actual competition at Lackland. AETC bases sent four-player teams to the tournament. There Howard out shot the field of about 50 players, shooting a -3 under par for the tournament to win.

Playing under hot conditions both days, Howard shot a 72 at Randolph and a 69 at Lackland. He credits this to his short game.

"That was the key to the victory, I think, chipping and putting," said Howard.

It was on the 14th hole at Lackland when the captain said he was pretty sure he was going to win.

"I got an eagle on the 14th hole, putting me up by six shots with only four holes left," he said.

Howard said he thoroughly enjoyed the tournament.

"A lot of good players were there," he said. "It was exciting to play in a big tournament like that."

Howard, a golfer for 15 years, will now go on to play in the Air Force Championship at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., in August, where he will play against the winners of other command championships.

Howard said he is looking forward to this tournament because he was stationed at Vandenberg for two years before he went to pilot training. He said playing on a familiar course may give him an edge.

"I'm confident going there," he said. "I've played there a bit."

If Howard is one of the top four finishers at this tournament, he will go on to play in the interservice championship, where he will compete against players in the Army, Navy and Marines.

## Sports Standings

(As of June 18)

### Softball

### Golf

#### American League

Team	Won	Loss	Team	Points
87 FTS	7	2	Sim Ops	43.5
LSI	5	4	OSS	39.5
OSS	5	4	CES	33.5
86 FTS	2	7	87FTS	24.5
84/85 FTS	1	7	Med Group	21.5

#### National League

Team	Won	Loss	Team	Points
Med Group	7	1	LCSAM	20
CES	7	1	LSI 1	20
Support	3	4	47 FTW	15
LCSAM	4	5	SFS	13
East Inc.	3	5	LSI 2	2.5
SFS	1	7		